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Linda Townsend Solheim
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Federal Communications Commission
Room 808
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Washington, D.C. 20554


Dear Ms. Solheim:

Enclosed please find the correspondence Senator Boxer received from John E. Tatum, MSGT USAF (Retired), regarding PR Docket 92-235.

Senator Boxer is forwarding the attached for your review and consideration.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please respond to Senator Boxer's district office: 1700 Montgomery Street, Suite 240, San Francisco, CA 94111.

Sincerely,


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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Boxer:

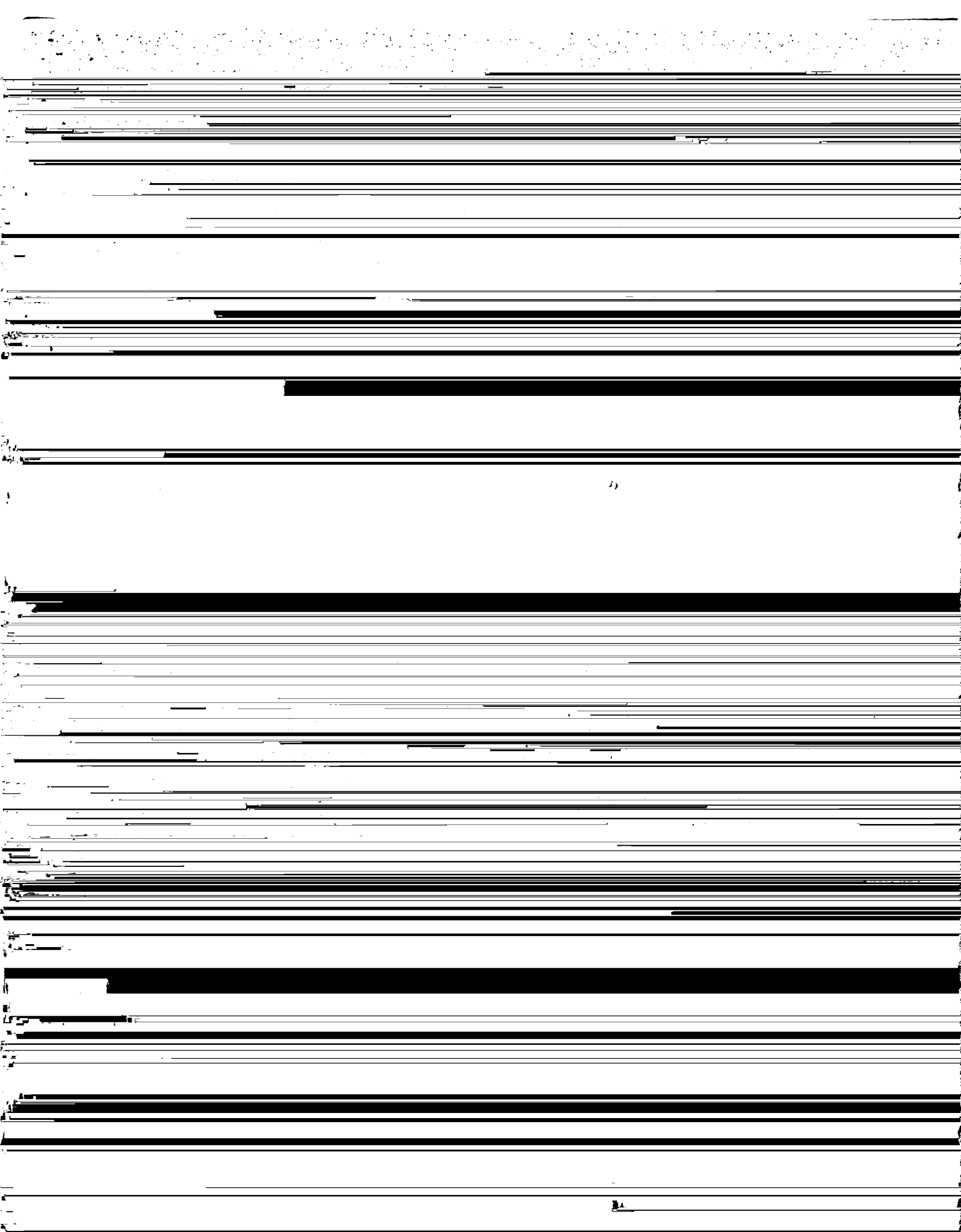
I'm a retired Air Force Master Sergeant with a service-connected disability which I received while serving more than twenty years in the military. I don't drink or smoke. I don't fish much any more because the fish are loaded with mercury. I don't hunt because of the injury to my spine and, as a matter of fact, I've seen enough killing in the service. The only recreational avenue open to me is radio-controlled model aircraft and sail boats. If PR Docket 92-235 is allowed to pass, I'll be washed up with my hobby. I just updated all of my eight radios, and I can't afford to do it again. All I will have to look forward to is a pine box, and, of course, my wife gets the flag.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.



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Dear Senator Boxer:

This is in reply to your letter of February 22, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, John E. Tatum, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235. 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice